UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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-v- : 20cr07 (DLC)
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ERICKSON HERNANDEZ ALMONTE, : ORDER
Defendant. :

DENISE COTE, District Judge:

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The defendant's sentencing is scheduled to occur on March 11, 2021 at 2 p.m. The defendant is incarcerated. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the defendant may have the option of appearing in court or through a videoconference. If, due to the increase in demand for videoconference proceedings, a videoconference is not available it may be possible to arrange for a telephone conference. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that defense counsel shall respond to the following two questions by on **February 25, 2021**:

- 1) Does the defendant consent to have the proceeding occur as a videoconference?
- 2) If a videoconference is unavailable, does the defendant consent to have the proceeding occur as a telephone conference?

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If the defendant consents to either option, please complete and submit the written consent form attached to this Order if it is feasible to do so.

Dated:

New York, New York February 17, 2021

DENISE COTE

United States District Judge